

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**ALLETE, Inc.
Bison 4 Wind Project – Mercer Morton Oliver Cty
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-13-127

NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF HEARING

July 10, 2013


On May 6, 2013, Minnesota Power, an operating division of ALLETE, Inc., (Allete) filed an application for a certificate of site compatibility to authorize construction of a 210 MW Bison 4 Wind Project consisting of up to 70 wind turbine generators and associated facilities in Mercer, Morton and Oliver Counties of North Dakota as shown on the attached map.

A **Public Hearing** on the application is scheduled to begin **August 21, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. CDT, at the Oliver County Courthouse, 11 West Main, Center, North Dakota 58530**. The issues to be considered are:

1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will the proposed facility locations minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

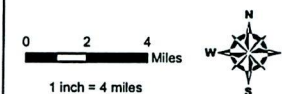
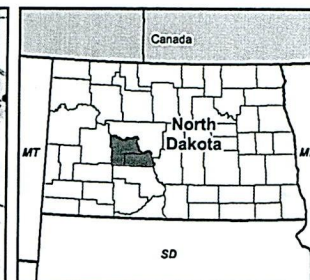
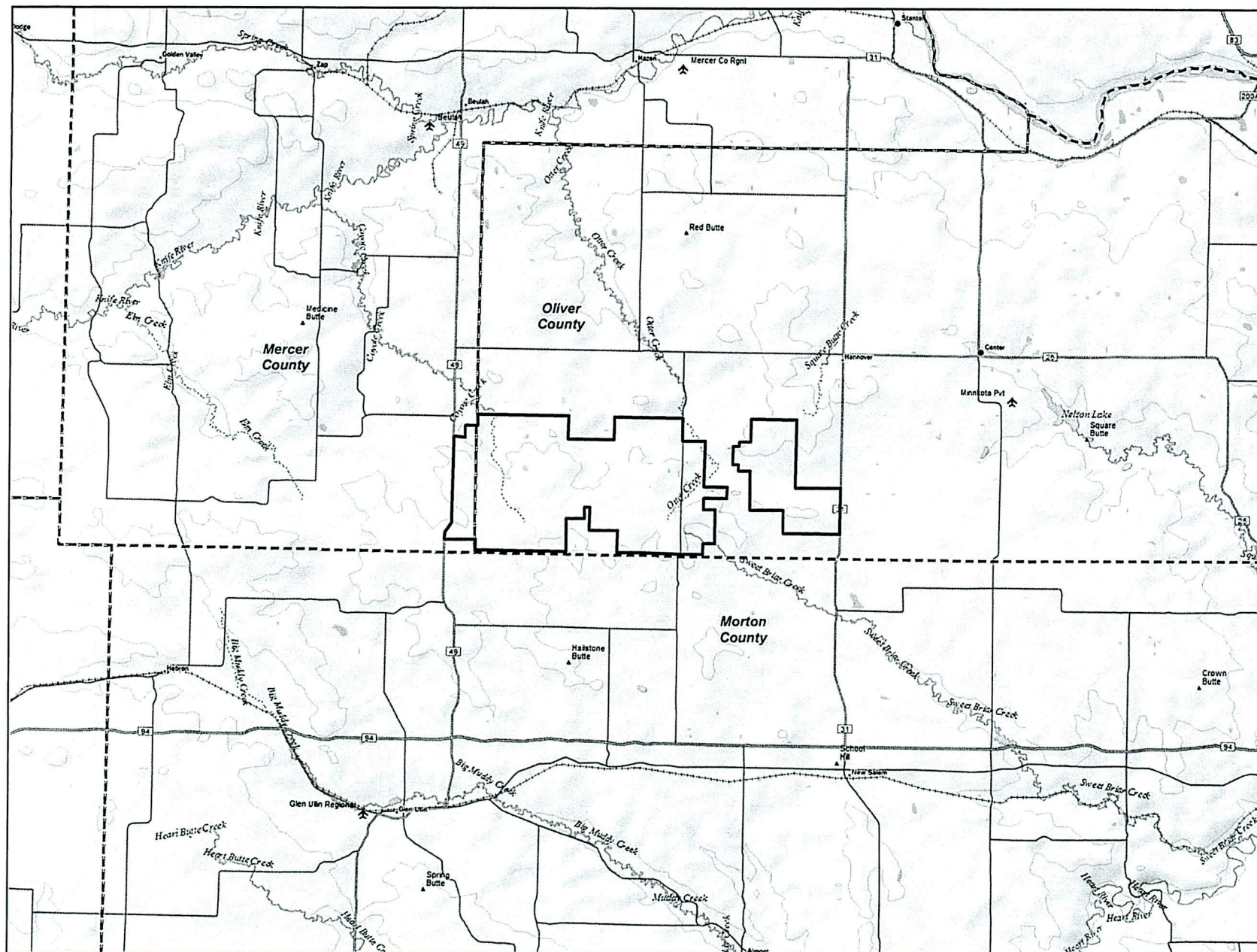
For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota, 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission.

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- Preliminary Project Boundary
- County Boundary

Exhibit 1 **Preliminary Project** **Study Area Map**

Minnesota Power
Bison 4 Wind Project

Mercer and Oliver
Counties, North Dakota